



Department of Veterans Affairs

Hunter Holmes McGuire Medical Center
1201 Broad Rock Boulevard
Richmond, Virginia 23249

<<DATE>>

Dear <<PATIENT NAME>>

You are scheduled to have an MRI Abdomen Exam on

The following is important information regarding your exam:

REPORT TO THE RADIOLOGY FRONT DESK ON THE 1ST FLOOR THE DAY OF YOUR EXAM APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED EXAM TIME

If you need to reschedule your examination, please call us immediately at (804) 675-5230. Rescheduling or arriving late may result in a significant delay of necessary treatment.

- Do not eat anything or take pills 4 hours prior to your examination
- If you are diabetic, do not eat anything or take pills (also Insulin) 4 hours prior to your examination
- If you have a cardiac pacemaker, MRI may not be able to be performed unless it is MRI compatible, with implant identification. Please call (804) 675-5000 ext 3121 with questions.
- If you have brain aneurysm clips or coils, a neurostimulator (TENS unit), stents, or a filter, please bring any card/ information about that device with you on the day of your MRI.
- If you are claustrophobic and need medication, please call your ordering physician. If you receive claustrophobia medication for your exam, please arrive 1 hour before your test. Do not take medications until instructed by the MRI technologist. ***Please bring a driver to take you home after the test.***
- If you weigh > 350 pounds, please call (804) 675-5230
- If your Doctor has requested x-rays/ blood tests, please obtain those prior to the MRI. Blood tests should be obtained several hours prior.
- All hair accessories containing metal such as bobby pins, barrettes, or hair clips, must be removed prior to your exam
- For more information regarding MRI imaging, please refer to www.radiologyinfo.org . If you have other technical questions, please call us at (804) 675-5000 x 3121.

We appreciate having this opportunity to serve you!